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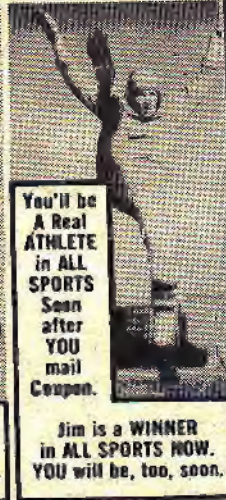
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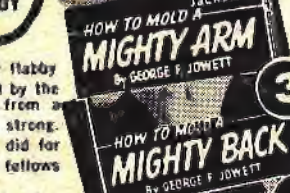
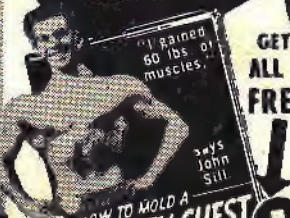
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He Mailed Coupon Below is Cleveland

BEFORE

He Mailed Coupon

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TWO MEN SAILED SOUTH ON A ROUTINE CRUISE, INTO THE MISTY DEPTHS OF THE SARGASSO SEA! THEY FOUND THEMSELVES IN AN INCREDIBLE WORLD IN WHICH LIFE WAS TRAPPED AND TIME WAS MUFFLED BY...

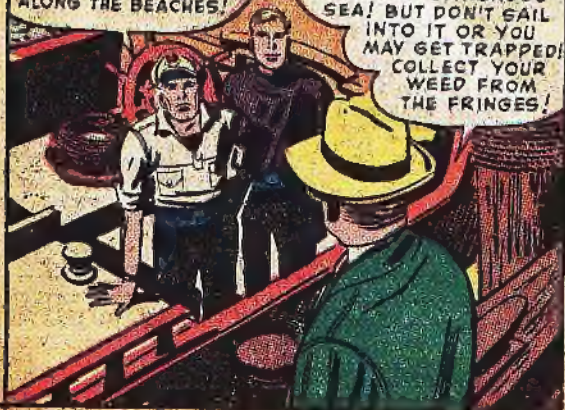
THE WEEDS



OUR STORY BEGINS IN THE SPRING OF 1956...

YOU'VE CHARTERED US, DR. WARREN, AND YOU'LL GET YOUR SEA-WEED! BUT WHY FROM THE SARGASSO SEA? THERE'S PLENTY OF THE GLIMY WEED ALONG THE BEACHES!

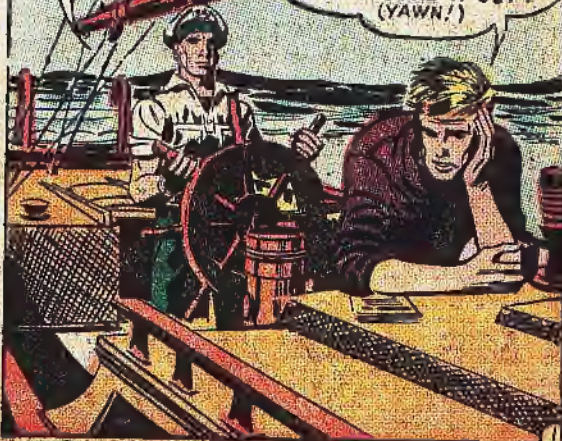
YOU'LL FIND THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IN MY BOOKLET! YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THEN WHY IT MUST BE WEED FROM THE SARGASSO SEA! BUT DON'T SAIL INTO IT OR YOU MAY GET TRAPPED! COLLECT YOUR WEED FROM THE FRINGES!



IT WAS THE EASIEST JOB WE'D HAD IN MONTHS...

FIND ANYTHING OF INTEREST IN DR. WARREN'S PAMPHLET, DAVE?

IT'S JUST ANOTHER SCIENTIFIC REPORT FULL OF BIG WORDS, BILL! WHY BOTHER TO FIGURE IT OUT? (YAWN!)



SOUTHWARD FOR EIGHT HUNDRED MILES TO THE LEGENDARY WEED-CHOKED SARGASSO SEA...

LOOKS PRETTY MYSTERIOUS! LIKE TO LOOK AROUND, DAVE?

SURE... WE'VE GOT ENOUGH WEED... AND THERE'S A GOOD BREEZE... WHAT COULD HAPPEN?

NEVER SAW SO MANY WRECKS IN ONE PLACE! WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED?

I... I DON'T KNOW, BILL... BUT...

BUT WHAT?

DO YOU NOTICE ANYTHING? THE SAILS ARE SLACK... THE (GULP) WIND'S DIED DOWN!

HMM... SO IT HAS! BUT NO MATTER... IT'LL PICK UP AFTER A SPELL! MEANWHILE, LET'S EXPLORE THAT ISLAND UP AHEAD! WE CAN MAKE IT IN THE SMALL BOAT!

AN ISLAND... IN THE SARGASSO SEA?

LUCKY WE BOTH HAD PLenty OF MUSCLE OR WE'D NEVER HAVE MADE IT TO SHORE...

PEOPLE!

YEAH! AND THEY LOOK LIKE A ROAD SHOW OF 'OUR PILGRIM FATHERS'!

BUT WE WERE DISCREET AND MADE NO MENTION OF THEIR ODD CLOTHES... BUT WE DID TELL THEM ABOUT HOW OUR SHIP HAD BOGGED DOWN...

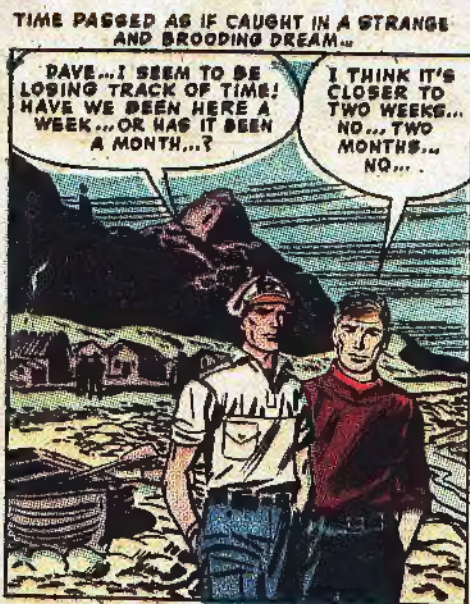
AH, MY POOR BROTHERS, THEN YOU ARE UNAWARE THAT IN SARGASSO THERE IS NEVER ANY WIND! WHY, DURING THE THREE MONTHS WE HAVE BEEN MAROONED HERE, THERE HAS NOT BEEN SO MUCH AS A SMALL BREEZE!

YOU'RE KIDDIN'! YOU MEAN THAT'S HOW ALL THE SHIPS WERE TRAPPED?

UNFORTUNATELY, YES, EVEN AS OURS BOGGED DOWN! AH... WE HAD SET SAIL FROM ENGLAND FOR THE NEW WORLD WITH SUCH HIGH HOPES... WE WERE TO HAVE SETTLED IN JAMESTOWN, BUT, ALAS, THE ELEMENTS INTERVENED! HOWEVER, IT WAS ONLY A FEW MONTHS AGO... WE MAY YET BE RESCUED!

HUH? THE NEW WORLD? JAMESTOWN? THE GUY'S A COMIC, BILL! JAMESTOWN WAS SETTLED IN 1607!

TAKE IT EASY, DAVE! THIS MAY BE A GAG... BUT I HAVE A FEELING WE'D BETTER NOT LAUGH!



THERE WAS NO REAL CHOICE TO MAKE...TO REMAIN MEANT SURE DEATH BY A HOWLING MOB! ONLY THE SMALL BOAT AND THE ANGRY WINDSWEEP SEA OFFERED ANY CHANCE OF SURVIVAL! WE TOOK IT...AND...WE MADE IT!

WHEW! LET'S GET THE SAILS UP!



WE THOUGHT WE'D CAPSIZE FOR SURE... AND WE CERTAINLY DIDN'T EXPECT THE SAILS TO HOLD TOGETHER UNDER THE IMPACT OF THE LASHING WIND...

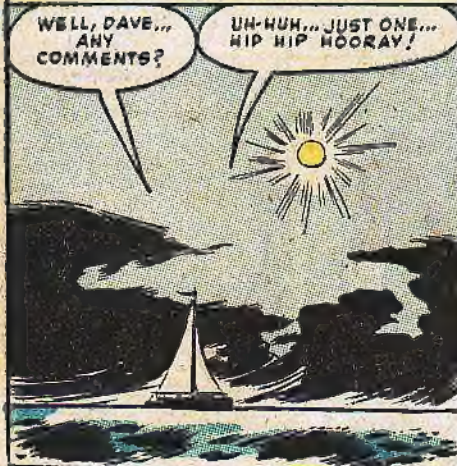
WE'RE CUTTIN' THROUGH THESE WEEDS LIKE SIXTY! NOW IF OUR LUCK HOLDS OUT...



SUDDENLY...THE RAGING TEMPEST WAS BEHIND US...THE WEEDS HAD LOST A VICTIM...AND BEFORE US THE SEA WAS BRIGHT AND ASSURING...

WELL, DAVE... ANY COMMENTS?

UH-HUH... JUST ONE... HIP HIP HOORAY!



AS WE SAILED TOWARD PORT, A VAGUE UNEASINESS KEPT GROWING... I WAS THE FIRST TO VOICE IT...

DAVE... I WONDER WHAT DR. WARREN DID DISCOVER ABOUT THE WEEDS? WILL YOU LOOK IT UP IN HIS PAMPHLET?

YEAH... SURE...

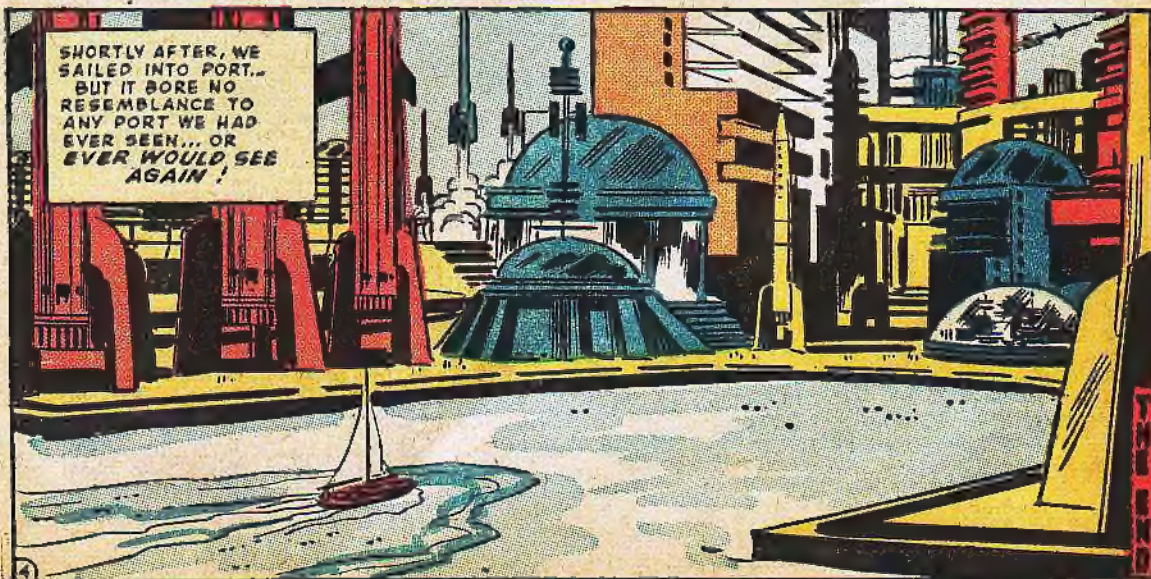


DAVE FOUND THE PASSAGE ON THE WEEDS AND READ WITH SLOWLY MOUNTING DREAD...

"DUE TO A CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE IT PRODUCES, SARGASSO WEED IS ABLE TO RESIST DETERIORATION AND LIVE FOR SEVERAL CENTURIES! THIS SAME SUBSTANCE MAY HAVE THE POWER TO PROLONG LIFE INDEFINITELY... BUT IT SEEMS TO CAUSE A SLOWED-DOWN AWARENESS OF TIME!"



SHORTLY AFTER, WE SAILED INTO PORT... BUT IT BORE NO RESEMBLANCE TO ANY PORT WE HAD EVER SEEN... OR EVER WOULD SEE AGAIN!





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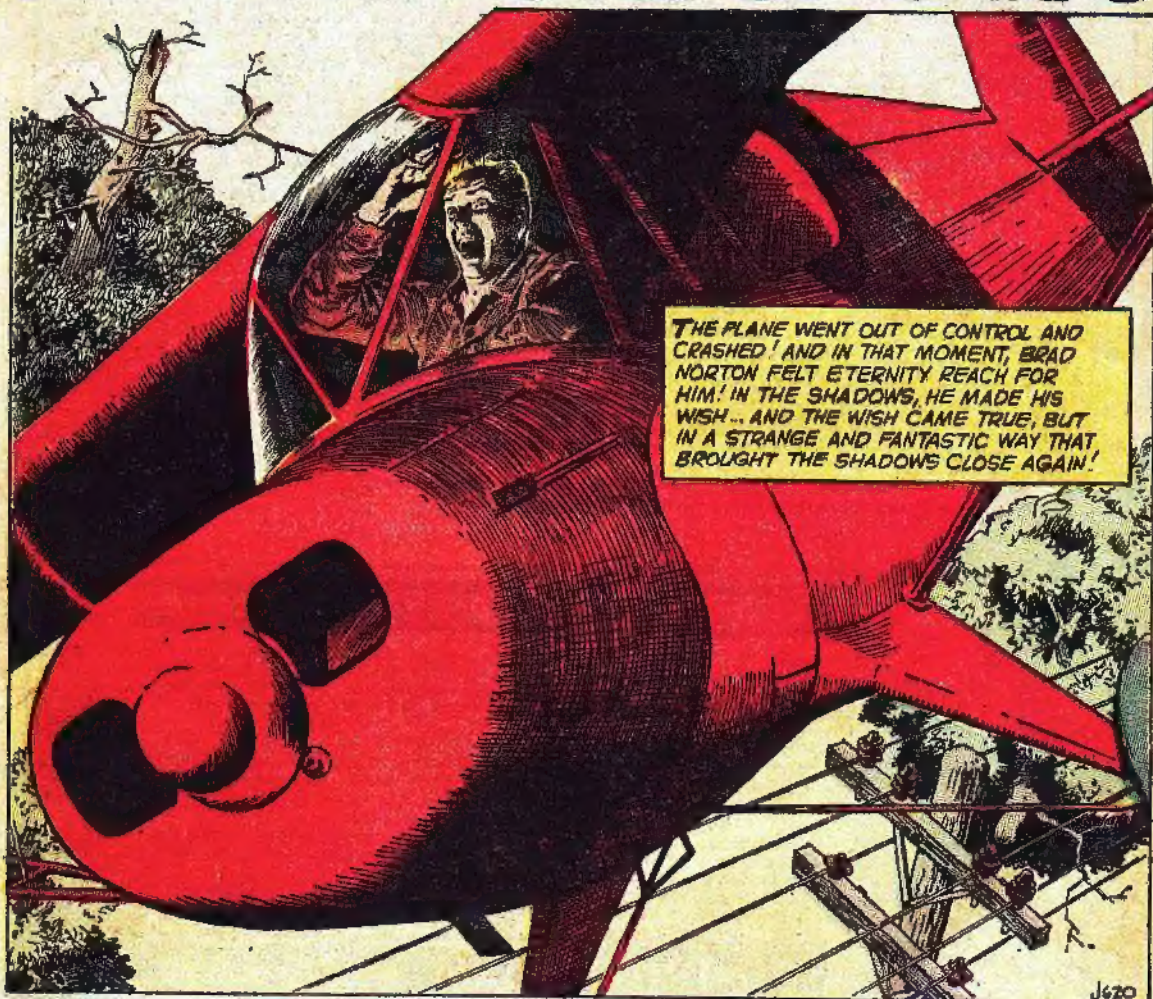
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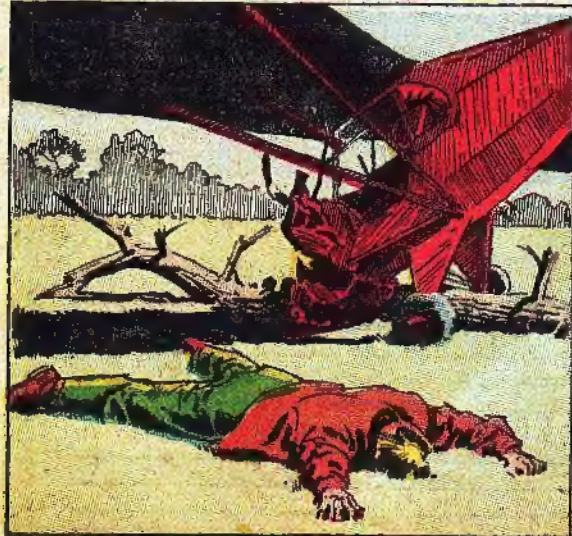
IN THE SHADOWS



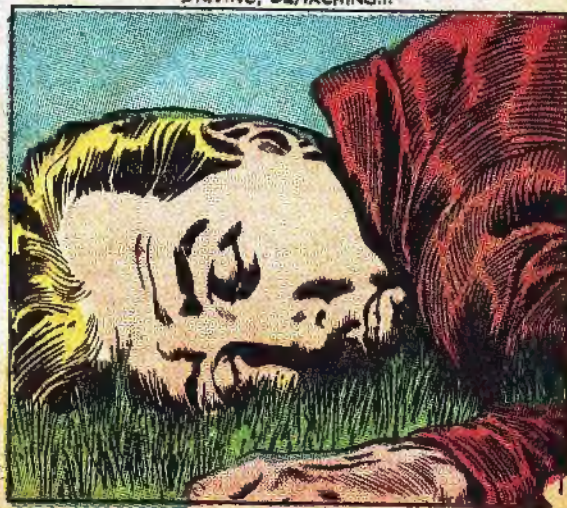
THE PLANE WENT OUT OF CONTROL AND CRASHED! AND IN THAT MOMENT, BRAD NORTON FELT ETERNITY REACH FOR HIM! IN THE SHADOWS, HE MADE HIS WISH... AND THE WISH CAME TRUE, BUT IN A STRANGE AND FANTASTIC WAY THAT BROUGHT THE SHADOWS CLOSE AGAIN!

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HE WAS THROWN FROM THE PLANE AND LAY THERE...



HE FELT THE END WAS NEAR AND HE THOUGHT, "THIS WASN'T THE WAY...THIS RECKLESSNESS, THIS FOOLISH DRIVING, SEARCHING..."



FROM SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY, YET CLOSE, HE HEARD A VOICE THAT MINGLED WITH HIS THOUGHTS, CALLING, "CHOOSE!"



IF I COULD ONLY LIVE... IF I ONLY HAD IT TO DO OVER AGAIN! I'D FIND A GIRL THAT I COULD LOVE, AND SETTLE DOWN!

BLACKNESS CAME THEN! BUT VOICES PIERCED THE BLACKNESS, GREW LOUDER, PUSHING THAT OTHER FAR VOICE, PUSHING THE BLACKNESS AWAY! HE OPENED HIS EYES!



GUESS I CRASHED! WITH YOU HERE, IT'S THE NICEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME!

HE'S COME TO! THOUGHT HE WAS FINISHED!



HEY, YOU BETTER NOT MOVE... YOU'RE HURT...

JUST A LITTLE SHAKEN! NOT EVEN A BROKEN BONE!

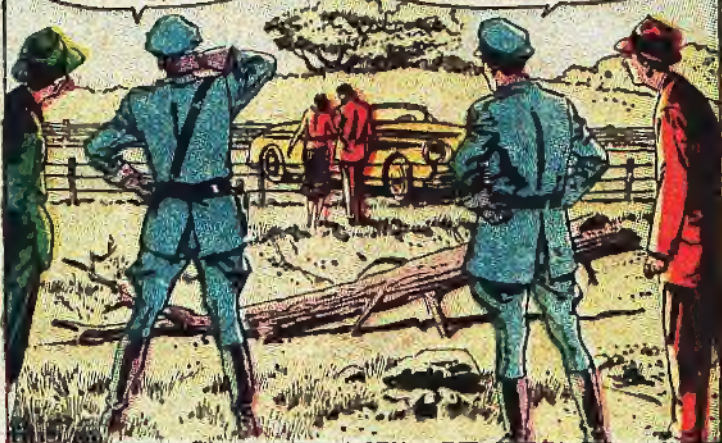
I'LL DRIVE YOU HOME! MY NAME IS ARLA!

LOVELY NAME FOR A GIRL! STRANGE, RIGHT BEFORE I CAME TO, I WAS THINKING... WELL, NEVER MIND! BUT EVERYTHING I WAS THINKING OF, HAS COME TRUE!

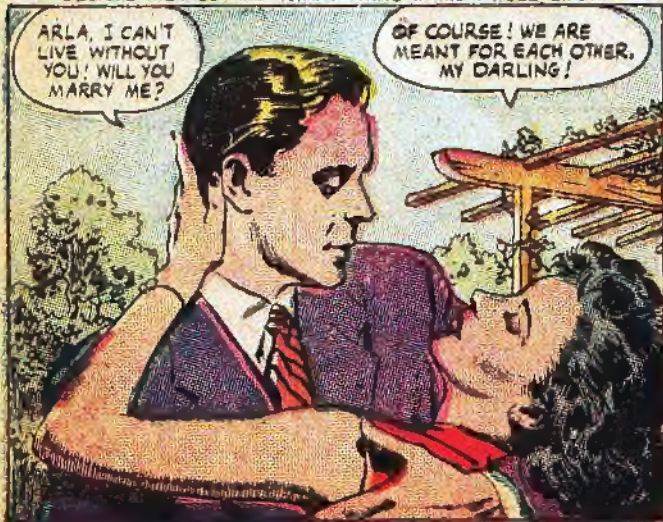


NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE IT! WALKS AWAY FROM A CRASH LIKE THIS WITHOUT EVEN A SPRAIN! SAY, WHO IS THAT GIRL?

I DON'T KNOW! I DIDN'T EVEN SEE HER WHEN WE GOT HERE... THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, SHE WAS THERE... WITH HIS HEAD ON HER LAP!



BRAD NORTON WAS DRAWN TO THE GIRL, FASCINATED BY HER! SHE BECAME THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN HIS WHOLE LIFE...



ARLA, I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOU! WILL YOU MARRY ME?

OF COURSE! WE ARE MEANT FOR EACH OTHER, MY DARLING!

SO THEY WERE MARRIED! ARLA WAS EVERYTHING HE HAD WANTED IN A WIFE, SWEET, TENDER, WONDERFUL... BUT...

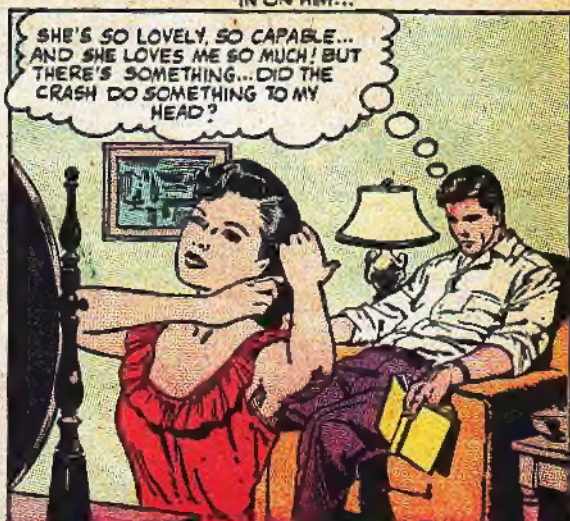


WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME? WHY DOES SHE MAKE ME FEEL A STRANGENESS... MAKES ME FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE!

LITTLE THINGS HAPPENED... LITTLE THINGS HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND...

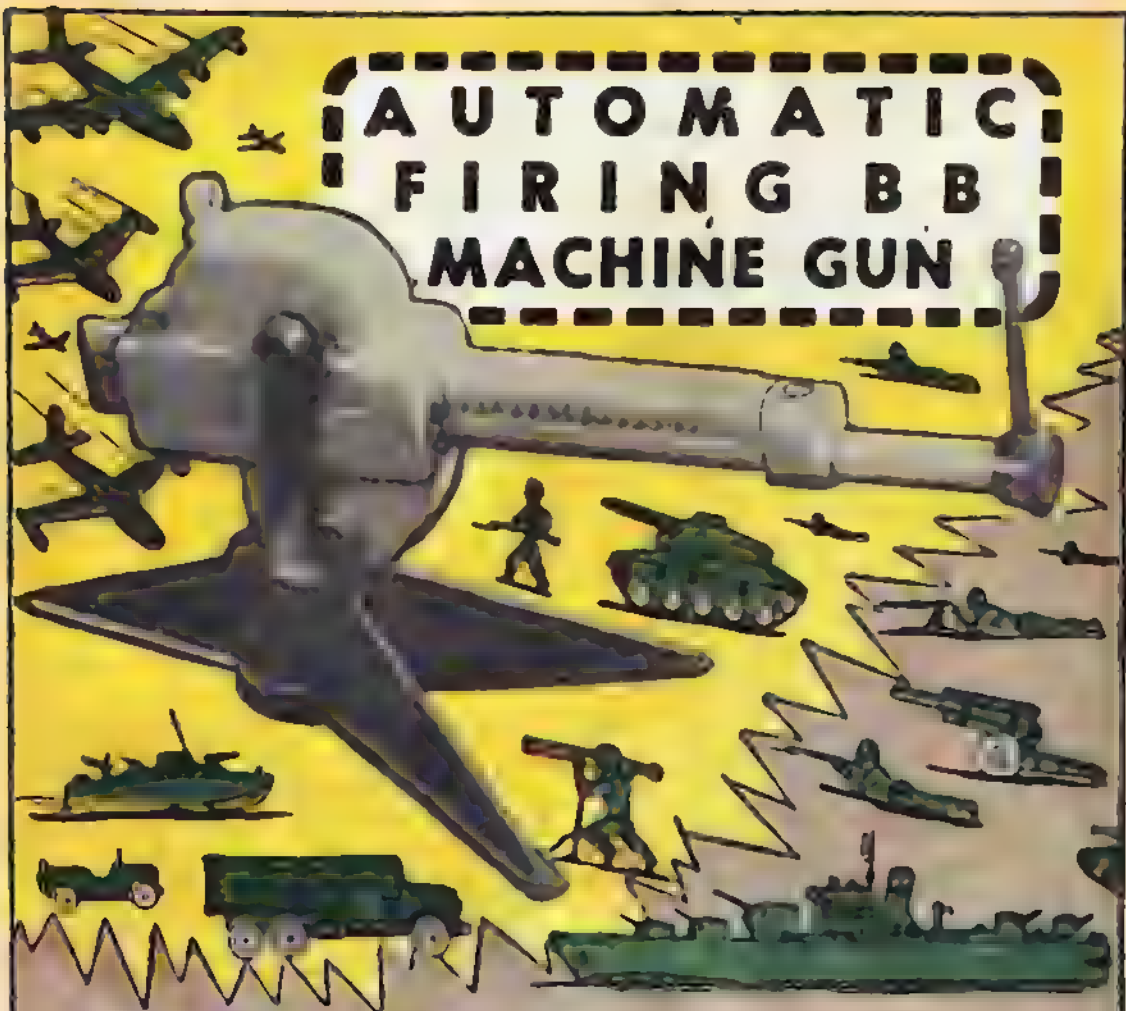


HE BEGAN TO BROOD ABOUT THE FEELING THAT PRESSED IN ON HIM...



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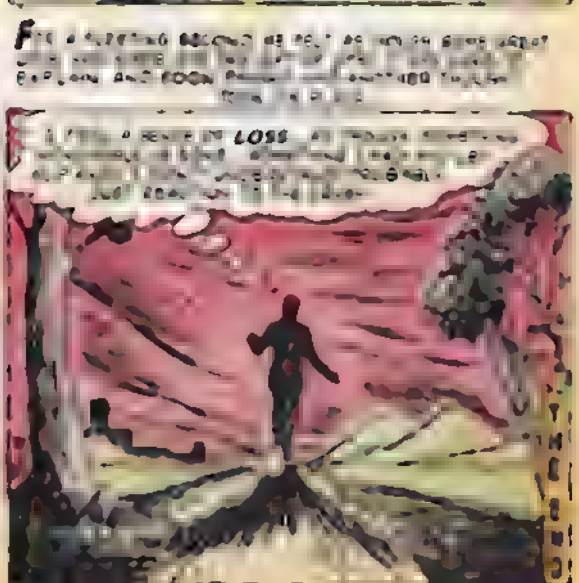
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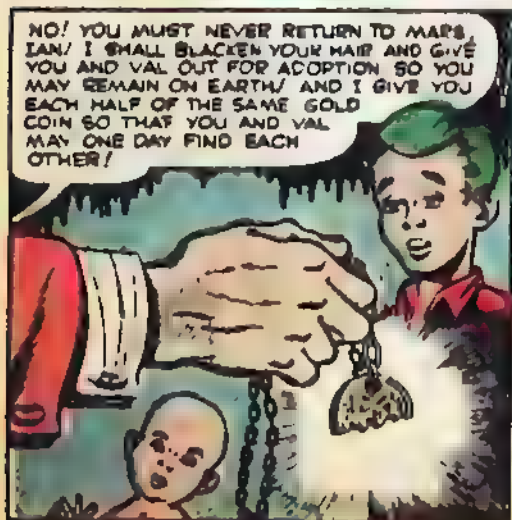
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FLEE FOR YOUR LIFE!



IAN'S FATHER LEFT WITH WAL AND RETURNED ALONE. THAT NIGHT HE STOPPED A FARMER AND HIS WIFE...

IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT, ABNER ADOPTIN A BOY LIKE THAT FROM A STRANGE MAN WHO STOPS US IN THE DARK! WHY HE DOESN'T EVEN SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE!

IT'S CLEAR THE MAN WAS HIS FATHER AND WANTED US TO HAVE HIM!

IAN DIDN'T REMAIN LONG WITH THE WATKINS

AT FIRST I THOUGHT I IMAGINED IT AMELIA! BUT THE BOY'S HAIR IS GROWING IN GREEN!

THAT MAN YOU ADOPTED IAN FROM WAS THE MARTIAN EVERYBODY'S HUNTING FOR! AND IAN IS HIS SON!

I TOLD YOU IT WAS A MISTAKE ADOPTIN M.M. ABNER

I'M GOING TO TAKE HIM TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE! LET HIM FIND SOME WAY TO GET IAN BACK TO MARS!

ONE THOUGHT REPEATED ITSELF IN IAN'S MIND...

THE MARTIAN IS ESCAPING AMELIA! STOP HIM!

FATHER SAID MARS IS AN EVIL PLACE! I MUST NOT GO BACK THERE!

IAN RETURNED TO THE CAVE LONELY AND BEWILDERED

FATHER IS GONE! I'LL WAIT HERE! WHEN HE COMES BACK I'LL NEVER LEAVE HIM!

HIS FATHER NEVER RETURNED! SOMEHOW IAN SURVIVED THRU THE YEARS BUT HE WAS CONSTANTLY ON THE RUN...

THERE'S THE GREEN-HAIRED ONE! THE MARTIAN THIEF!

LIVING BY HIS WITS HE GREW TO MANHOOD BUT THERE WAS NO PLACE ON EARTH WHERE HE WAS NOT KNOWN AND PURSUED!

IF I'M CAUGHT IT'LL MEAN YEARS IN PRISON OR THEY'LL DEPORT ME TO MARS!



IT'S SO LONELY HERE ON EARTH! IF I COULD ONLY FIND MY BROTHER! BUT THERE'S NO HOPE OF THAT! IF VAL WERE STILL ON THIS PLANET, I'D HAVE HEARD OF HIM BY NOW!



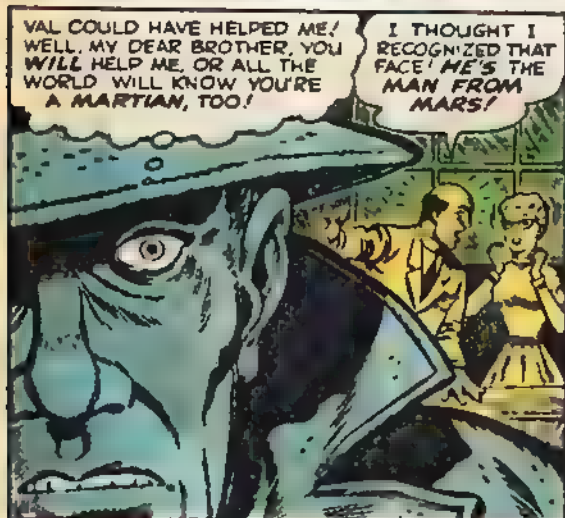
I'M SICK OF BEING HUNGRY! IF I CAN SELL THIS GOLD, I'D HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR FOOD!



THRU DARK ALLEYS, I'AN MADE HIS WAY TO A JEWELRY STORE ...

ONLY YESTERDAY GOVERNOR DEREK BROUGHT IN SUCH A GOLD HALF-COIN! HE ASKED ME IF I KNEW ITS ORIGIN! WHERE DID IT COME FROM, SIR?

VAL HAS KEPT THE WORLD FROM KNOWING HE'S A MARTIAN! HE MUST KNOW ABOUT ME!



VAL COULD HAVE HELPED ME! WELL, MY DEAR BROTHER, YOU WILL HELP ME, OR ALL THE WORLD WILL KNOW YOU'RE A MARTIAN, TOO!

I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED THAT FACE! HE'S THE MAN FROM MARS!

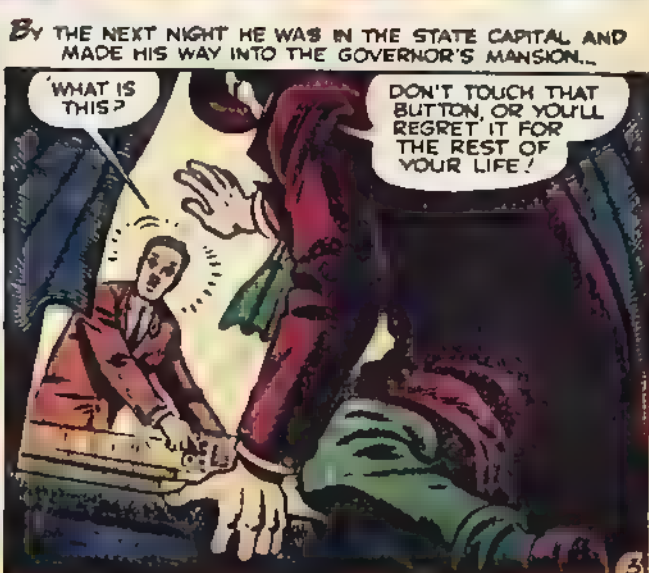


THEY'RE ALWAYS WATCHING FOR ME!

STOP THE MARTIAN!



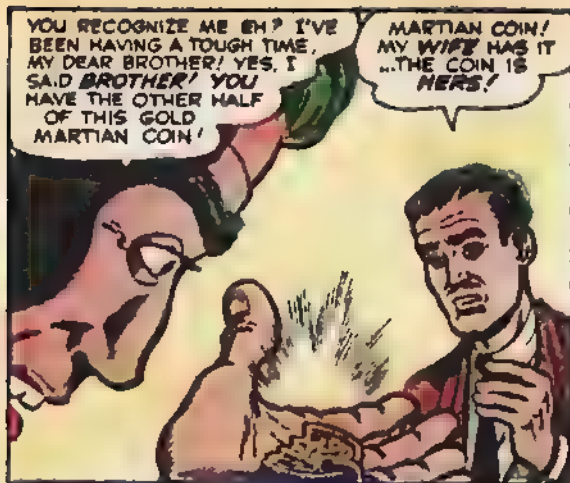
PHILIP DEREK THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE ... MY OWN BROTHER! WELL HE'S GOING TO HAVE A VISITOR!



By THE NEXT NIGHT HE WAS IN THE STATE CAPITAL AND MADE HIS WAY INTO THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION...

WHAT IS THIS?

DON'T TOUCH THAT BUTTON, OR YOU'LL REGRET IT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!



YOU RECOGNIZE ME EH? I'VE BEEN HAVING A TOUGH TIME, MY DEAR BROTHER! YES, I SAID BROTHER! YOU HAVE THE OTHER HALF OF THIS GOLD MARTIAN COIN!

MARTIAN COIN! MY WIFE HAS IT ...THE COIN IS **HERS!**



MY WIFE IS UPSTAIRS! PERHAPS SHE CAN TELL US HOW SHE GOT IT!

TRY ANY TRICKS AND THE WHOLE WORLD WILL KNOW YOU'RE MY BROTHER!

IN A FEW MINUTES THE GOVERNOR'S WIFE AND SON ENTERED...



WILL YOU TELL HER ABOUT YOUR GREEN HAIR, OR SHALL I?

THIS MAN CLAIMS I'M HIS BROTHER... BECAUSE OF YOUR GOLD HALF-COIN!



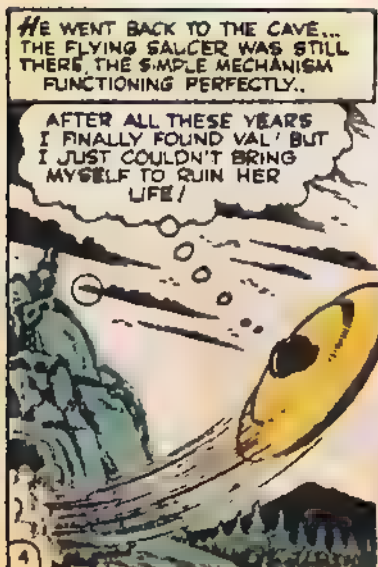
THEY FIT! MY FATHER GAVE HALF TO ME, HALF TO MY BROTHER!

I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAME BY IT! I'VE ALWAYS HAD IT, AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER!



WELL, MARTIN, ARE YOU GOING TO CHANGE YOUR STORY NOW?

THEN SHE...NO! YOUR WIFE'S WORD IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME! I'M GOING... AND I'LL NEVER BOTHER YOU AGAIN!



HE WENT BACK TO THE CAVE... THE FLYING SAUCER WAS STILL THERE, THE SIMPLE MECHANISM FUNCTIONING PERFECTLY...

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS I FINALLY FOUND VAL! BUT I JUST COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO RUIN HER LIFE!



FUNNY A SISTER! AND I'D BEEN LOOKING FOR A BROTHER! HER BOYS DON'T HAVE GREEN HAIR! NOBODY WILL EVER KNOW NOW! OH, WELL, PERHAPS THINGS ARE BETTER ON MARS AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!



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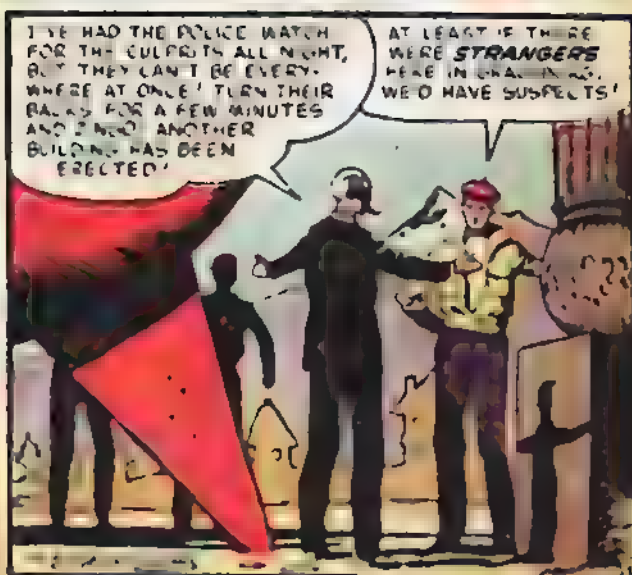
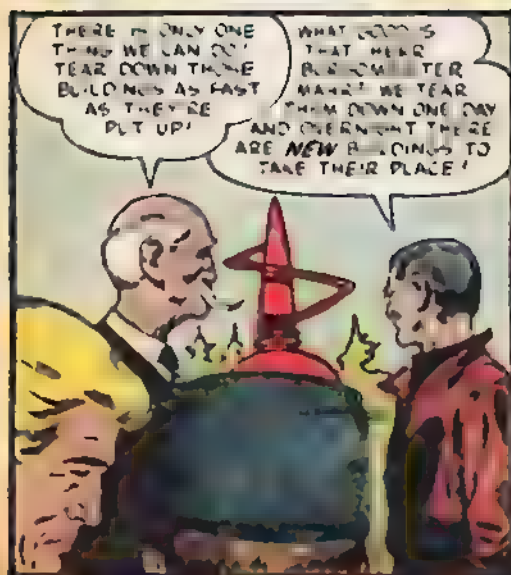
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THE SECRET OF THE BLACK FOREST



GRAUSBURG IS LOCATED ON THE EDGE OF THE BLACK FOREST, WHERE THAT VERY MORNING HANS SCHMIDT WAS GATHERING WOOD FOR HIS WIFE'S STOVE...

THERE MUST BE SOME SIMPLE EXPLANATION FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TOWN, BUT WHY SHOULD I WORRY ABOUT IT? WE PAY THE BURGOMEISTER TO SOLVE SUCH MYSTERIES!



HANS SUDDENLY FELT SOMETHING INSIDE...A PRESENCE...THAT MADE HIM FREEZE IN HIS TRACKS WHEN HE LOOKED UP AND BEHELD IT!



YOU'RE TRYING TO BE FRIENDLY! ALL RIGHT...I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO HURT A HARMLESS ANIMAL! BUT YOU'RE THE STRANGEST BEAST I'VE EVER SEEN!



SO, YOU'RE GOING TO FOLLOW ME HOME? WELL, COME ON THEN, LET'S SEE HOW YOU GET ALONG WITH MY WIFE AND CHILDREN!



THE UNUSUAL ANIMAL FROM THE FOREST TOOK TO HANS' CHILDREN AT ONCE!

THEY SEEM TO ADORE HIM, HANS! I WONDER WHAT IT IS!

WHATEVER IT IS, FREDA, IT'LL MAKE A FINE PET!



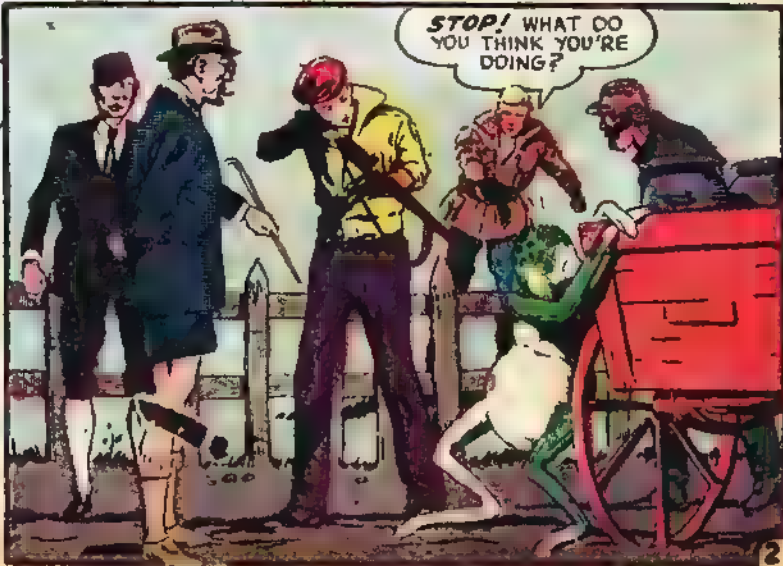
BUT THEIR NEIGHBORS DIDN'T TAKE TO THE STRANGE CREATURE QUITE SO READILY...

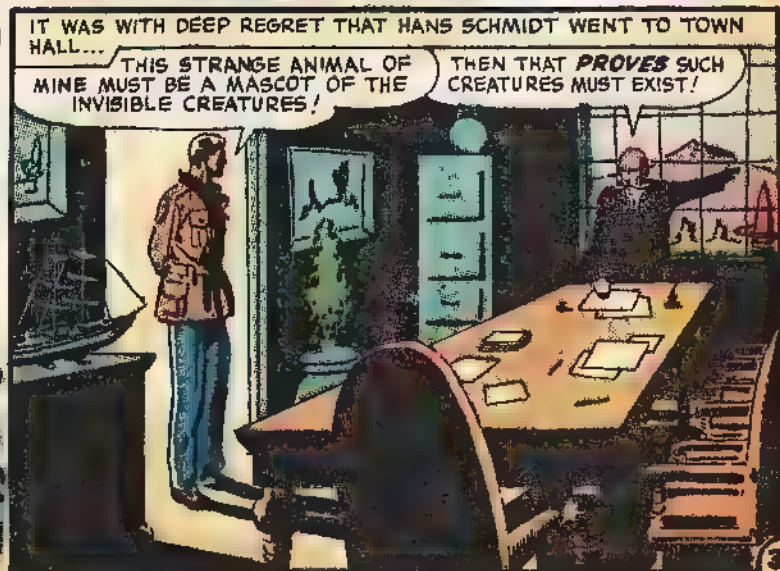
HANS, THEY'RE GOING TO SHOOT IT!

THEY'D BETTER NOT!



STOP! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?





PERHAPS IF WE DRIVE THE ANIMAL BACK INTO THE FOREST, THE INTRUDERS WILL FOLLOW!

SPLENDID, CAPTAIN HUBER! THAT'S THE ONLY WAY!



THE TOWNSPEOPLE WERE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO HELP DRIVE THE STRANGE ANIMAL FROM THEIR MIDST.

REMEMBER, YOU MUST NOT HURT HIM! GIVE HIM A HEAD START!

HERR SCHMIDT IS RIGHT! WE MUST NOT ANTAGONIZE THE 'INVISIBLE ONES' BY HARMING THEIR MASCOT!



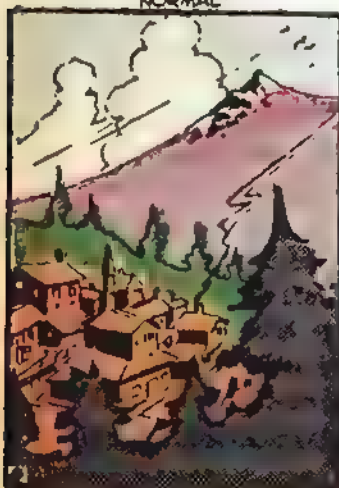
THERE, NOW STAY IN THE FOREST FOREVER! COME BACK AND WE WON'T BE SO GENTLE!

LET US SEE IF THIS DOES STOP THE EPIDEMIC OF NEW BUILDINGS!



THERE WERE NO MORE PECULIAR HOUSES TO BE SEEN IN GRALSBURG, AND THE TOWN RETURNED TO NORMAL!

OUT OF THE BLACK FOREST, THERE SOON AROSE A UNIQUE, GLITTERING SPACESHIP...



I AM BRINGING NO EARTHINGS BACK TO JUPITER, YOUR MAJESTY!



AND WHY I TRIED TO BUILD THEM MODERN HOMES BUT THEY TORE THEM DOWN! I WAS FRIENDLY BUT THEY TURNED ON ME! EARTHINGS ARE UNCIVILIZED! THEY WOULDN'T EVEN MAKE GOOD PETS!



GENIUS FOR TROUBLE

IT certainly didn't do young Hoagy Pumpker any good to have folks know him as the kid who was always getting into trouble. Not that it was trouble like doing mischief on purpose. Hoagy was the last person in the world to plan such a thing. But he did have an unfortunate knack for *not planning* mischief and having it come off every time.

With the best of intentions, Hoagy gummed things up. The last thing he did to his distressed father was well intended, no doubt. But as usual it turned out wrong. His father had been saving the puzzle pages from a magazine to win a prize. Hoagy decided that he would clean up the house and threw the papers his father had worked so hard on into the waste basket. And the time before that when his mother said she wanted to paint the house, Hoagy decided to surprise her. He got a ladder and busily smeared the lovely lavender paint he found across the front porch. Of course, his mother had really meant that she wanted to paint the rooms *inside* the house, and the lavender paint was for his sister's room, not the porch. After he had begun the job, however, his father had to get busy over the week end and paint the outside of the house which he hadn't intended to do at all . . . and certainly not *lavender*!

"Hoagy is a little too ambi-

tious," his father sighed regretfully. "He's so anxious to do things that he doesn't stop to *think* before it's too late. Maybe if he got himself a job after school to keep him busy, he'd be less likely to use his time to cause trouble."

Hoagy thought that was a splendid idea. So he started out in Frisby's grocery store where the first thing he did was clean out the barrels in the basement and absentmindedly switch the sugar to where the salt should have been and the salt to where the sugar belonged.

When Mr. Frisby saw the long line of customers standing out in the street waiting to get into his store, he swelled with satisfaction. Business was certainly going to be good today, he beamed. And then came the customers, angry, upset, marching in with their sacks of sugar or salt. Indignant housewives told sad stories of how the cakes they had baked for the church socials came out tasting like pretzels. Mrs. Ogilvie's poor husband who was supposed to be on a diet had gargled with sugar and water instead of salt and water for his sore throat, and in a few days time he had put on five pounds! This was really too much!

Hoagy had the unhappy distinction of being fired faster than any of the employees who had ever worked for Mr. Frisby. But in his happy-go-lucky way he resolved to make a suc-

cess for himself and get a job elsewhere. The gas station down the road hired him, but absentmindedly while Hoagy was dreaming up an idea to open a station of his own one day, he began filling the cars with water, not gas. There were more stalled cars in town that afternoon and around the county than the service station could handle! When the reason for this was discovered, Hoagy again joined the ranks of the unemployed.

He decided to try his talents in a place where his reputation was less known. And that's how he came to the new house on Market Street where a Mr. Lolooby was in the process of setting up a new business establishment.

Mr. Lolooby was in the landscaping business. A beautiful supply of fresh shrubs and trees and flowers were stacked in boxes, on his lawn. Lolooby's problem was to hire help to do the planting and put in a lawn for him. Since he was a perfectionist, and very hard to please, he at first attempted to do the job himself. But as Hoagy came up the road whistling, his hands stuffed in his pockets, he seemed to be the answer to Lolooby's dreams.

"I am looking for work," Hoagy told him, "and it occurred to me that when I grow up, I might like to be a land-

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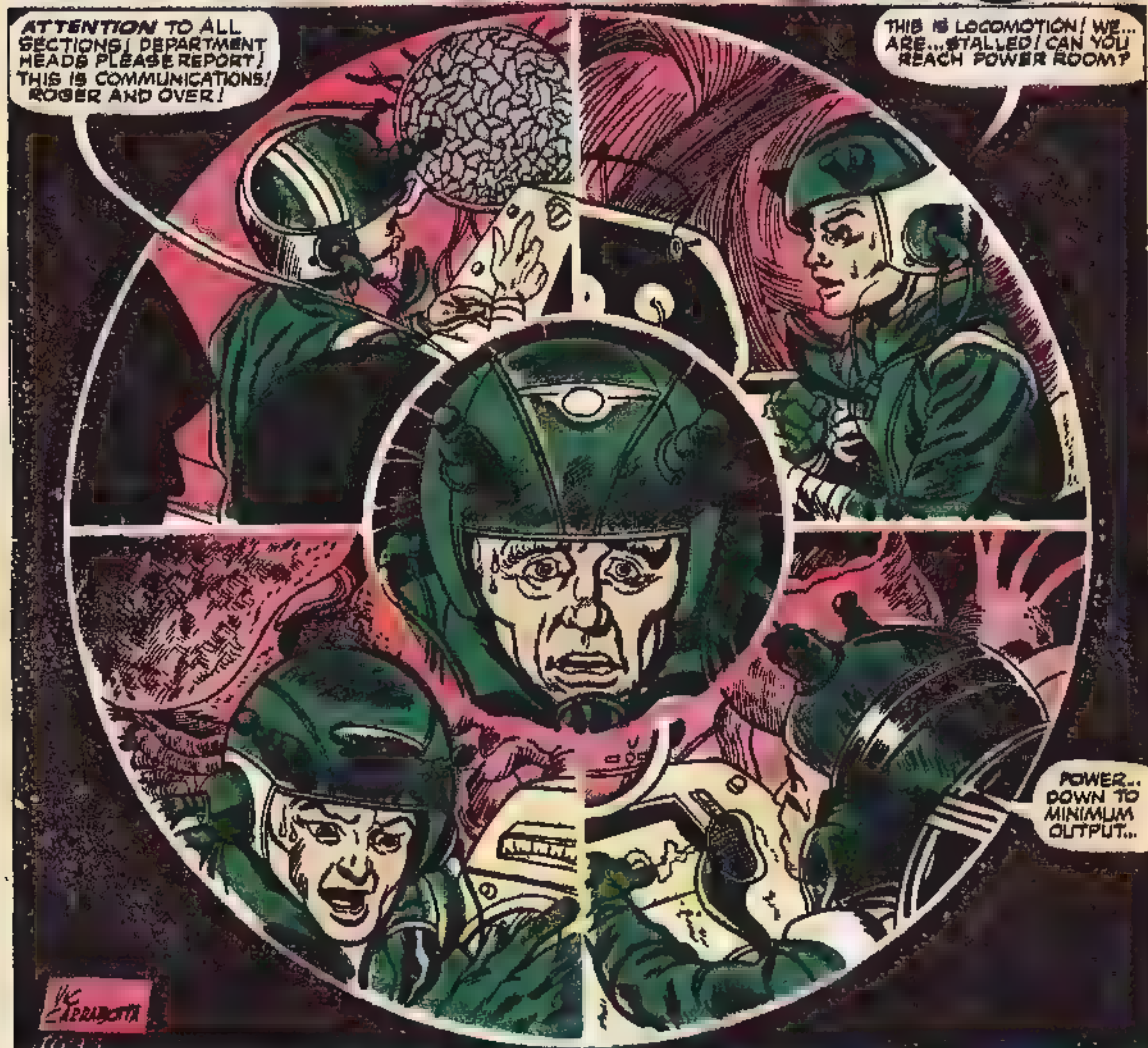
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IT HAD BEEN A SUPERIOR UNIVERSE...OF ITS KIND...AN INDEPENDENT WORLD, RUMBLING COMFORTABLY IN ITS DIURNAL TRACK! THEN...SUDDENLY...HAVOC! AND ALL HANDS VALIANTLY STRUGGLED TO MEET...

THE CRISIS!



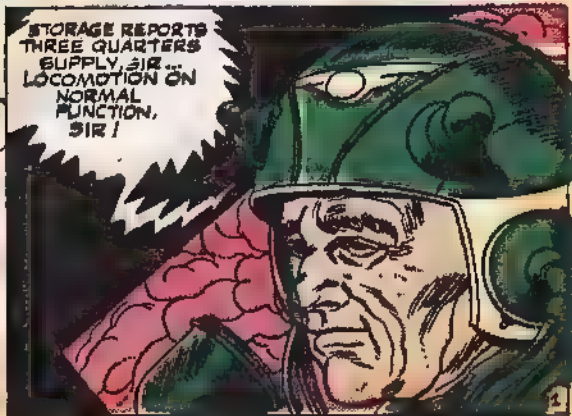
IT WAS A STRANGE WORLD...A SEEMINGLY SELF-CONTAINED PLANET...LURCHING WITH SERENITY ABOUT ITS ORBIT THIS MORNING OF THE 17TH! COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT MADE ITS USUAL CHECK CALLS...

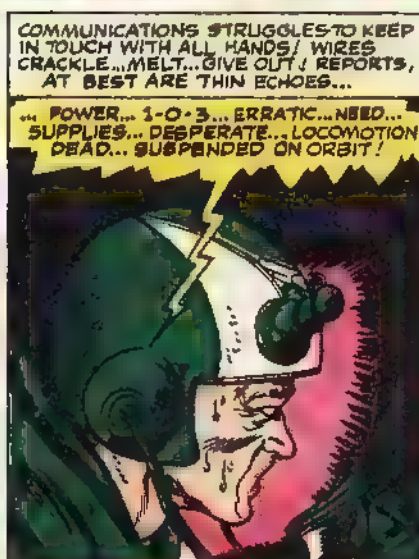
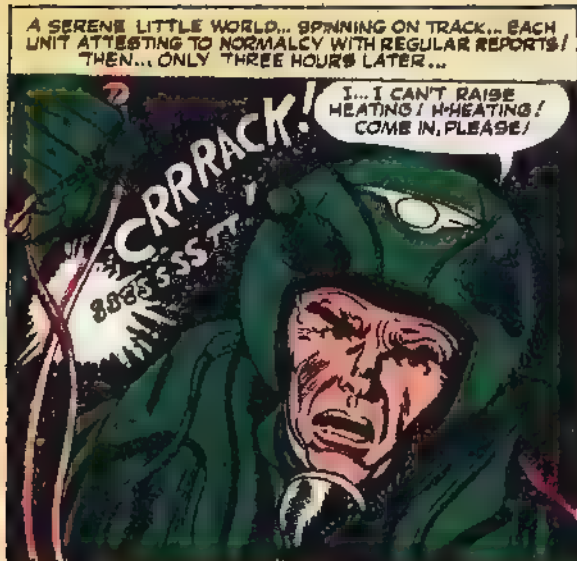
POWER UNIT STEADY...CHECKING AT EIGHT-THREE...OXIDATION REPORTS NORMAL...

POWER...EIGHT-THREE...OXIDATION ON NORM...



STORAGE REPORTS THREE QUARTERS SUPPLY, SIR... LOCOMOTION ON NORMAL FUNCTION, SIR!





FIFTH COLUMN INVADERS! GONE NOW WAS ANY HOPE OF SURVIVAL NOW FOR THE NUMBED AND TIRED DEFENDERS! BUT, SUDDENLY... STRANGE, FRESH TROOPS MATERIALIZE FROM NOWHERE! MIRACLE MINUTE MEN!



BATTLE! A TERRIBLE BUT MIGHTY SKIRMISH! WHO ARE THESE KNIGHTS OF MERCY? THESE MIRACLE MEN WHO LANDED LIKE THE MARINES?



A SHORT TIME LATER... A SMALL BUT VIBRANT RUMBLING SOUNDS THROUGH THE WORLD! A STIRRING TOWARD NORMALCY...

REPAIR CREWS REPORT THE FUNCTIONING OF DAMAGED LINES, SIR!

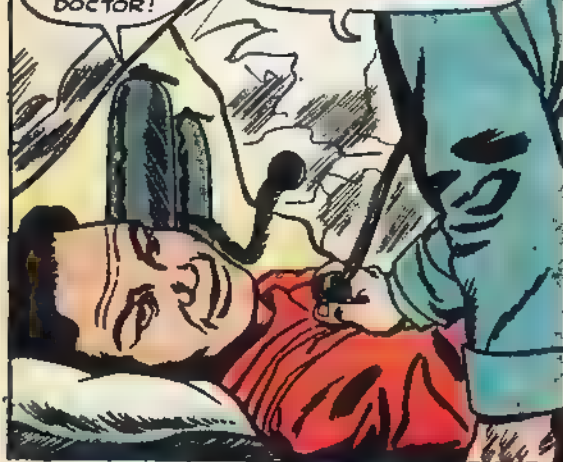
VENTILATION CONTROL REPORTS NEW CLEARING OF CLOGGED VENTS...



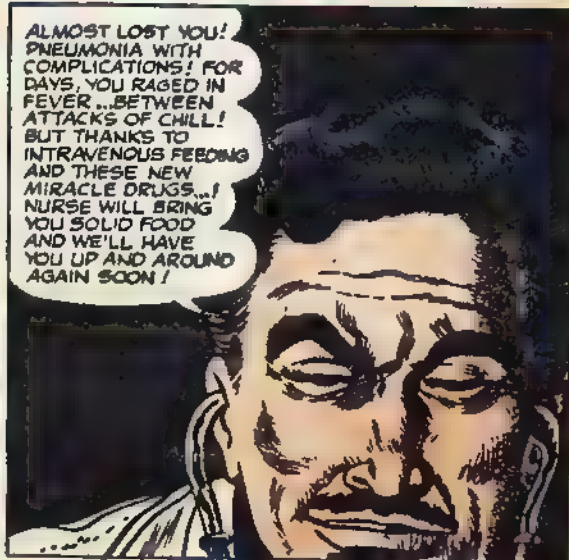
AND SIMULTANEOUSLY... SOMEWHERE IN A HOSPITAL BED...

I... I CAN BREATHE, DOCTOR!

GOOD! YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW, ANDERSON!



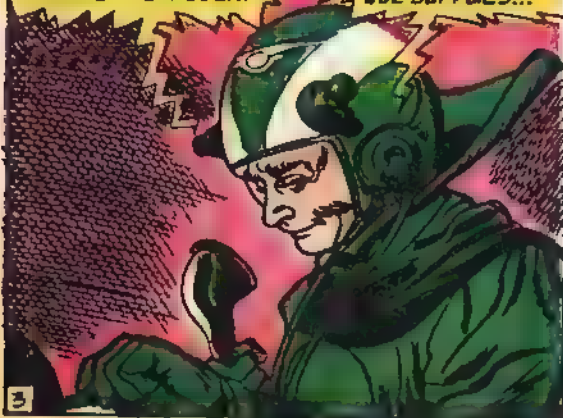
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AND BACK... INSIDE THE MIND OF ANDERSON... ENCOURAGING REPORTS BEGAN FILING INTO THE COMMUNICATOR... THAT IS... HIS BRAIN!

LOCOMOTION REPORTING, SIR! TESTING STRENGTH CAPACITY... BACK ON NORMAL ORBIT SOON!

POWER, SIR! STEADY PRESSURES AND TEMPERATURE! CAN USE SUPPLIES...



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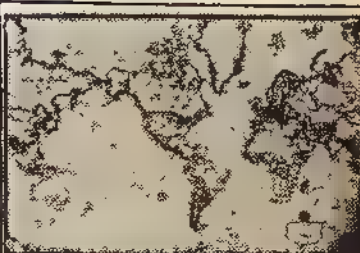
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scaper." Whenever Hoagy took a job he was inclined to dream of the pursuit he was temporarily engaged in as his lifetime profession. Poor Lolooby didn't know this, and he was ecstatic. Hoagy told him honestly that he had considerable experience with gardening techniques. Had Mr. Lolooby pressed the point, Hoagy would have readily admitted that "considerable" experience to him was mowing the lawn a few times a year, but Lolooby didn't press the point. He was much too busy, much too concerned with getting things into shape inside his shop, too. What's more, he had a call from a local contractor to come out and do a terrific job. So Lolooby put his hat on, which looked like a flower pot, Hoagy noted.

"You can start seeding the front lawn," Lolooby called as he was leaving. "And don't forget to use Vigor-grow for the soil. You know what that is . . . the red liquid. If you run short, you can order some more."

Hoagy wisely decided to check the Vigor-Grow supply before he started. Unhappily, he couldn't find it. But it occurred to him that on his father's medicine shelf he had seen a bottle labeled just like this. He ran home and excitedly returned with the huge gallon jug of the stuff his father had purchased the year before from a passing peddler.

The fluid, however, turned out to be a clear liquid. Now Roger recalled intelligently that Lolooby had said it was red. And since Hoagy could not think of doing things improper-

ly, he stirred in some red powder he found in a can in Lolooby's storeroom. The clear liquid colored crimson, and joyfully Hoagy added this to the soil and proceeded to seed it. He worked fast and furiously until the bottle was empty, the seed exhausted; and he was exhausted, too. Lolooby was delighted to find the job done when he returned.

After school the following day, Hoagy was on his way to



the landscaper's store when he saw a crowd of excited people running in that direction.

"What's up?" he asked.

"Wait till you get a load of what happened to Lolooby's lawn!" they told him. "It's a sight to see!"

It was. A vivid covering of red sprouts had begun to poke up over the lawn.

"Fuzzy red grass!" everyone kept shouting. "It's amazing!"

Mr. Lolooby almost fainted when he saw Hoagy.

"You've ruined me," he cried. "I'm new in town and I'm a laughing stock! I'll never be able to get any business now!

Get out of here! You're fired!"

When Hoagy got home, he discovered the reason for the trouble he had caused. The Vigor-Grow he had used on the lawn was a hair-growing preparation for scalps and not for landscapes. The red powder he had mixed with it was a powder dye and poor Mr. Lolooby's lawn was growing red hair!

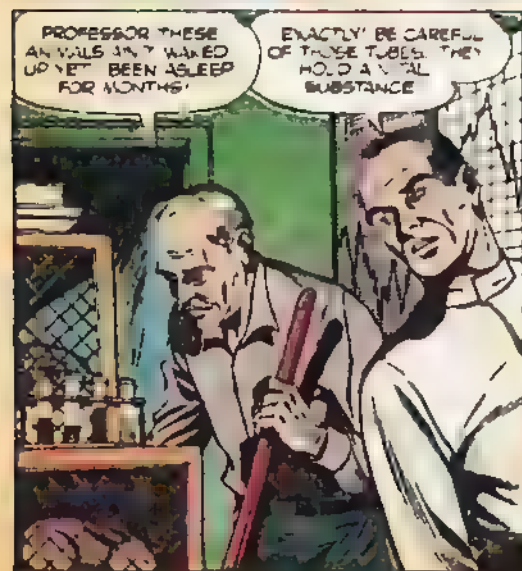
For once Hoagy was determined to pay for his mistake. At the drugstore he purchased a quantity of hair remover. Apologetically, he returned to Lolooby's store. When Lolooby ran toward him, he ducked, but instead of the angry greeting he expected, Lolooby threw his arms around him.

"My boy, you've made me a fortune! Orders are pouring in for red grass lawns from all over the country! You're a genius."

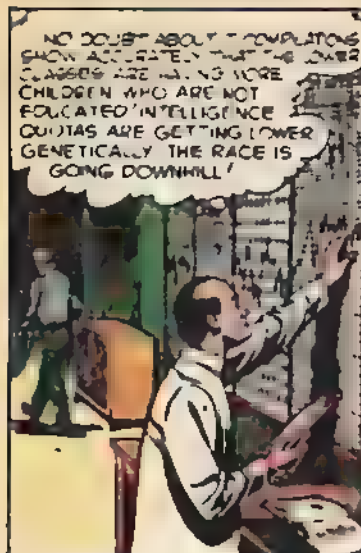
Hoagy got a refund on his bottle of hair remover. In no time at all, Hoagy concocted another batch of formula. Fortunately, he was able to order the hair-growing tonic from the company. He carefully added other colors to experiment with and the results were amazing. Today he is the president of the firm that specializes in not only red, but orange, or pink lawns. He also operates a house painting service to blend the color of the house to the lawn. Hoagy's house and lawn are something special, though. They are both lavender . . . for that is how he finally realized, the papers tell us, the ambition of his boyhood. Truly, he is a brilliant fellow.

IT WAS A KNOWN FACT THAT PROFESSOR JOHN CLOVE WAS ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT MEN OF OUR CENTURY! HIS GREAT DISCOVERIES IN MANY FIELDS HAVE GIVEN MANKIND GREATER KNOWLEDGE AND COMFORT! FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS HE HAD TURNED HIS MENTALITY TO THE FUTURE... BUT WHO CAN REALLY SEE INTO THE FUTURE AND WHAT IT HOLDS... UNLESS **THEY ARE THERE!**

THE LONG SLEEP!



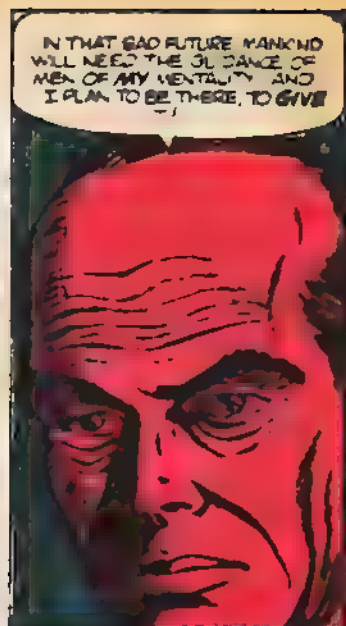
MIKE THE HANDYMAN ANGLED OUT WHILE THROUGH THE LONG NIGHT AS ALWAYS, PROFESSOR CLOVE WORKED!



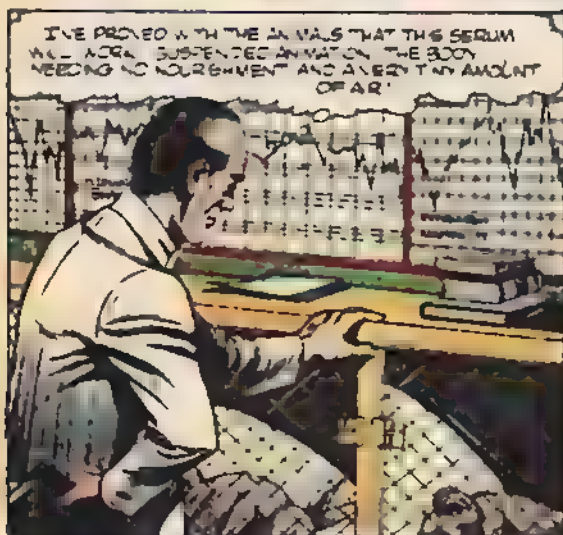
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! COMPLICATIONS SHOW ACCURATELY THAT THE LOWER CLASSES ARE HAVING MORE CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT EDUCATED! INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENTS ARE GETTING LOWER GENETICALLY THE RACE IS GOING DOWNHILL!



MY PLOTTING OF THE FUTURE SHOWS A MASSING OF THESE UNDESIRABLE MANIFESTATIONS. MAN IS GOING BACKWARD TOWARD THE ANIMALS AND IN FUTURE WILL LOSE ALL THAT WE HAVE GIVEN HIM FOR HIS ADVANCEMENT!



IN THAT BAD FUTURE MANKIND WILL NEED THE GUIDANCE OF MEN OF MY MENTALITY AND I PLAN TO BE THERE, TO GIVE IT!



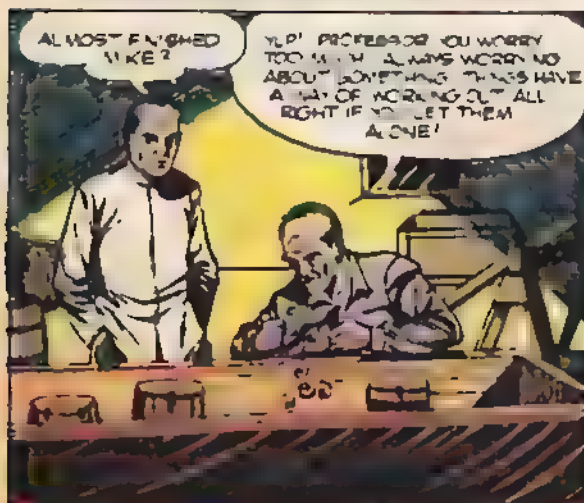
I'VE PROVED WITH THE ANIMALS THAT THIS SERUM WILL ACHIEVE SUSPENDED ANIMATION. THE BODY NEEDING NO NOURNMENT AND A VERY TINY AMOUNT OF AIR!



A MAN IN THE **LONG SLEEP** INDUCED BY THE SERUM COULD LIVE FOR A THOUSAND YEARS IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION AND AWAKEN WHOLE AND SOUND. AND THAT IS WHAT I PLAN TO DO SO IN THAT FUTURE TIME I CAN SHED THE LIGHT OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND GENIUS TO LET MANKIND FROM IGNORANCE!

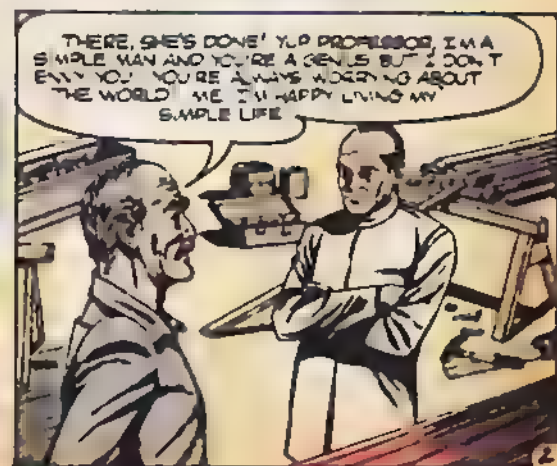
SO HE WORKED LONG HOURS EACH DAY ONLY TO FALL EXHAUSTED, RISE AND CONTINUE ONCE AGAIN!

HE SMILED AT THIS SIMPLE MAN AND HIS PHILOSOPHY, THINKING THAT IF IT WEREN'T FOR MEN OF HIS MENTALITY AND DRIVE THIS POOR FELLOW MIGHT NOT HAVE A WORLD TO LIVE IN!



ALMOST FINISHED MIKE?

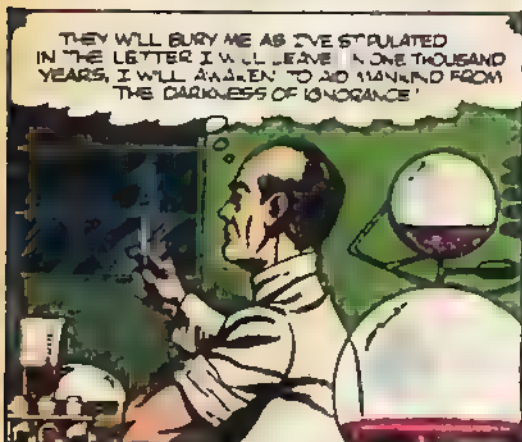
YEP! PROFESSOR YOU WORRY TOO MUCH. I ALWAYS WORRY NO ABOUT SOMETHING. THINGS HAVE A WAY OF WORKING OUT ALL RIGHT IF YOU LET THEM ALONE!



THERE, SHE'S DONE! YEP PROFESSOR, I'M A SIMPLE MAN AND YOU'RE A GENIUS BUT I DON'T ENVY YOU. YOU'RE ALWAYS WORRYING ABOUT THE WORLD. ME I'M HAPPY LIVING MY SIMPLE LIFE.

EVERYTHING HAD LONG BEEN PREPARED AND NOW THE PROFESSOR WAS READY TO ENGAGE IN THE LAST STEPS OF HIS EXPERIMENT! FIRST THE SERUM THAT WOULD CREATE SUSPENDED ANIMATION!

AND SO PROFESSOR JOHN CLOVE BEGAN THE LONG SLEEP, GAMBLING HIS LIFE ON HIS THEORIES SO HE COULD AID MANKIND IN ITS DARK HOUR

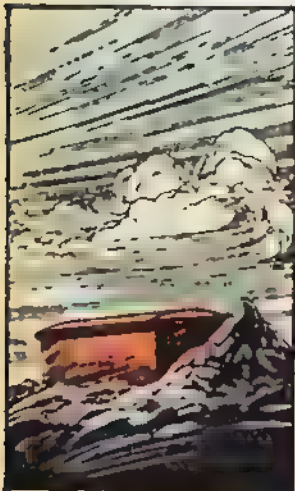


THEY WILL BURY ME AS I'VE STIPULATED IN THE LETTER I WILL LEAVE. IN ONE THOUSAND YEARS, I WILL AWAKEN TO AID MANKIND FROM THE DARKNESS OF IGNORANCE!



HIS REQUESTS WERE CARRIED OUT. TIME PASSED, CHANGE CAME AS IT ALWAYS DOES AND THE PROMINENCE OF HIS NAME ON NOLED TO A WHISPER OF SOUND IN THE PASSING ERAS!

A HUNDRED TWO HUNDRED FIVE HUNDRED YEARS CAME AND WERE GONE. A THOUSAND YEARS, AND PROFESSOR JOHN CLOVE THE GREATEST BRAIN THE WORLD HAD EVER KNOWN, STIRRED FROM HIS LONG SLEEP AND EMERGED ONCE AGAIN INTO THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE!



SEE HOW TINY HE IS. A MIDGET. THIS MAN FROM THE PAST! I WAS SCARCELY WORTH WAITING FOR HIS EMERGENCE!

THEY... THEY'RE GIANTS!



LOOK HOW SMALL HIS HEAD IS. AND THAT HAIR! HE IS A FREAK...

I MUST ESCAPE AND HAVE TIME TO GATHER MY THOUGHTS. THESE CREATURES MIGHT DESTROY ME OR ENJOY ME AS A FREAK! I MUST FIND THE AUTHORITY IN THIS WORLD AND OFFER MY SERVICES.

HE FLED THROUGH THE NIGHT OF THIS STRANGE WORLD, AND BEHIND HIM, HE HEARD THE HEAVY TREAD OF THE GIANTS!

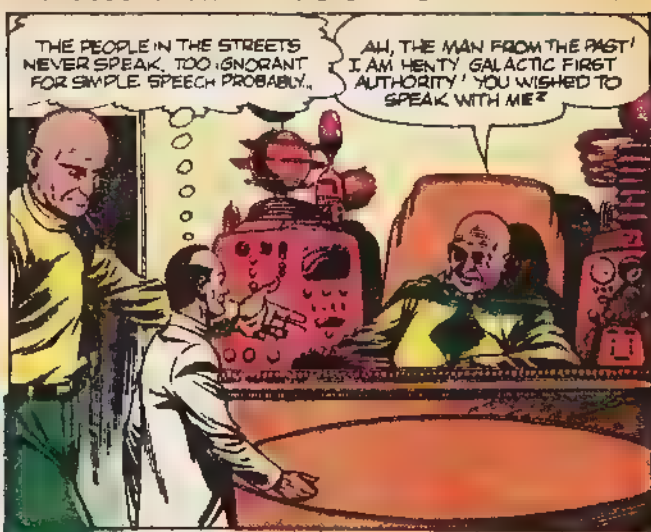


I MUST KEEP MYSELF ALIVE UNTIL I REACH THE PROPER AUTHORITY AND HOPE THAT THE AUTHORITY HAS ENOUGH INTELLIGENCE SO HE WILL APPRECIATE WHAT I OFFER!

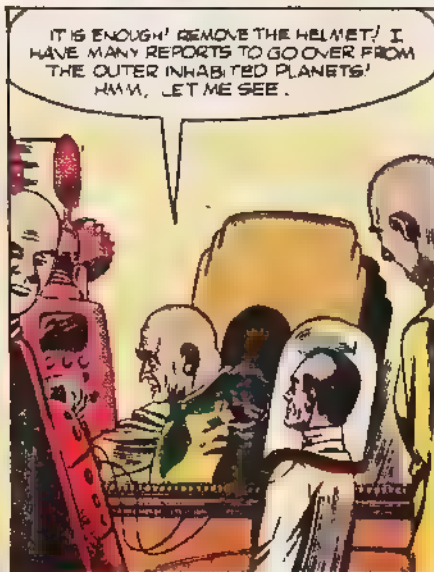


THE PROFESSOR EXPLAINED SPEAKING SIMPLY SO THIS MAN COULD UNDERSTAND...

HE WAS TAKEN THROUGH THE STREETS AND TO A GREAT BUILDING...



THEY PUT A HELMET ON HIS HEAD, AND TESTED HIM...



THE PAST EVEN IN THAT WORLD OF THE FUTURE, CLOVE BEGAN AT MANUAL LABOR. HE FELT WELL PHYSICALLY. HE SLEPT AND ATE WELL, HE WORKED ONLY SO MANY HOURS A DAY AND GRADUALLY FITTED INTO HIS OWN PLACE IN SOCIETY!



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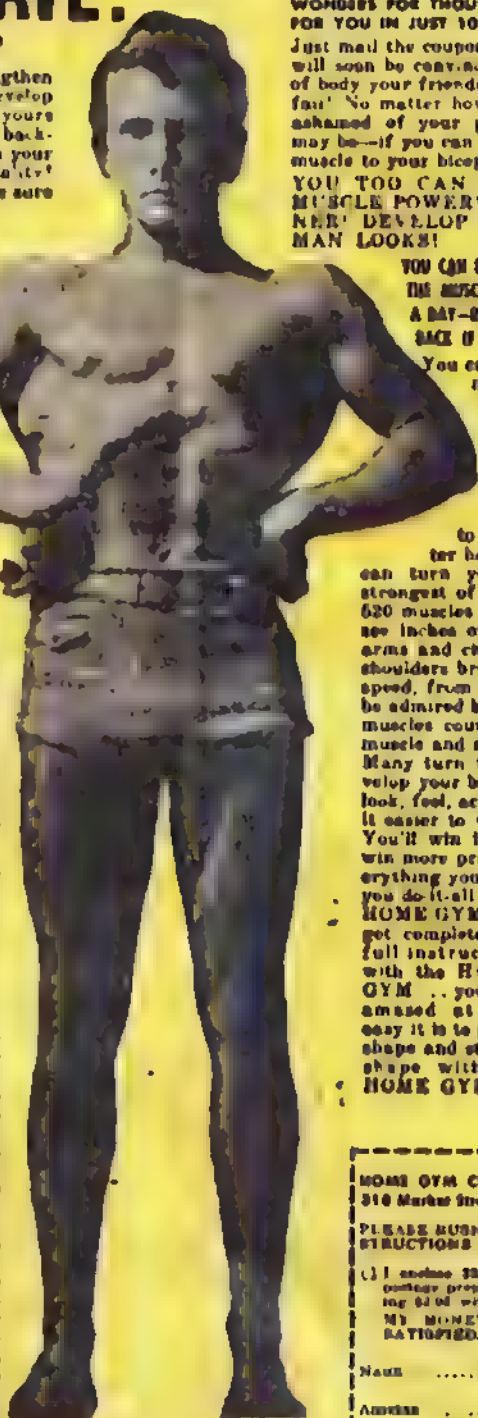
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